

# THE CITY OF CLAYTON

Board of Aldermen Meeting  
Council Chambers - 10 N. Bemiston Avenue  
August 23, 2011  
7:00 p.m.

## Minutes

Mayor Goldstein called the meeting to order and requested a roll call. The following individuals were in attendance:

Aldermen: Steve Lichtenfeld, Andrea Maddox-Dallas (arrived 7:05 p.m.), Cynthia Garnholz, and Mark Winings

Mayor Goldstein  
City Manager Owens  
City Attorney O'Keefe

Absent: Judy Goodman and Michelle Harris.

Mayor Goldstein asked for any questions or comments relating to the August 9, 2011 minutes, which were previously provided to the Board.

**Alderman Lichtenfeld moved to approve the August 9, 2011 minutes. Alderman Garnholz seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.**

## **PUBLIC REQUESTS AND PETITIONS**

None

### AN ORDINANCE TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE TAX YEAR 2011 PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR FY 2012 BUDGET – FIRST READING

**Alderman Lichtenfeld moved to open the public hearing with regard to Bill No. 6272, an Ordinance Levying and establishing the rate of annual taxes for general municipal purposes; debt levy for general obligation bond purposes; and, special business district purposes to be collected by the City of Clayton, Missouri, for the year 2011 and request proof of publication. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.**

**The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.**

City Manager Owens reported that as part of the budget adoption process, the Board must hold a hearing to seek public input regarding the proposed tax rates. Below, please find the proposed 2011 property tax levy request for the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget.

The 2011 General Fund and debt property tax levy for FY 2012 is projected to raise \$6.643 million. This amount represents a 2.4% increase or \$155,973 more than the estimated property tax revenues received in FY 2011 for these categories. The projected tax rates will raise approximately \$5.845 million for the General Fund and approximately \$798,000 for the Debt Fund. While the revenues from the General Fund property tax rate can be used for any expenditure, the revenues from the debt levy tax rate can only be used to pay off general

obligation bonds. The City currently has one outstanding general obligation bond with a principal balance of \$1.960 million and which will be paid off in FY 2013. The proposed 2011 tax rates are: Residential-\$0.626, Commercial-\$0.712, Personal-\$0.707 and Debt Levy-\$0.091.

For a home that is valued at \$600,000, it is expected that the homeowner would pay approximately \$817 on property taxes for the City of Clayton portion only. Based on last year's rate, the same homeowner would have paid approximately \$793, an increase of \$24.

A commercial property, located in the Special Business District that is assessed at \$2.0 million would pay approximately \$877 in property taxes for the City of Clayton portion only. Based on last year's rate, the same commercial property would have paid approximately \$826, an increase of \$25.60 or 3.5%.

City Manager Owens said this year's proposed higher rates are justified by the need to maintain the high level of superior service which the City gives residents and taxpayers. City Manager Owens also observed that the City's budget and appropriation cycle is an extend one and that the late delivery of equalized assessed value information to the City after so much of the budget process and capital planning had progressed with a more robust revenue projection warranted the modest proposed increase in order to maintain the integrity and timeliness of the budgeting process.

It is recommended to conduct a public hearing and approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the ordinance setting the property tax rates as outlined above.

Mayor Goldstein noted that \$817 on a \$600,000 house covers public safety, fire, police, public works, snow plowing, leaf collection and trash collection and its \$817 per year. She commented that she knows people in condos who pay much more than \$817 monthly for similar services albeit with regard to their own personal property. She commented that she is appreciative to the City's professional staff for all the hard work that they do in providing great services at \$817 per year.

Alderman Maddox-Dallas commented that the Mayor has made a great point. She said that she also hears people ask about their taxes, but they don't understand or know the percentage that the City receives as it relates to the whole tax bill which is divided between many entities.

In response to Alderman Garnholz's question with regard to an expecting an overall increase in the cumulative assessed value of the residential and commercial properties, City Manager Owens stated that there are no expectations in the assessed value, but the City hopes to have a better year and that staff is budgeting more conservatively. He said that it has decreased regionally, but they expect that the recovery that may come will be gradual.

Alderman Lichtenfeld commented that the services the City provides to everyone should be communicated to the citizens. They are really getting a value for the taxes and that the elected officials need to be proactive about stating the value that is received.

Mayor Goldstein said that they have done so much outreach and education and she feels that this is important to Alderman Lichtenfeld's point to continue that outreach and education even after adoption of the budget.

Mayor Goldstein opened the floor for questions from the public. She then noted that no one came forward to comment.

**Alderman Lichtenfeld moved to close the public hearing with regard to Bill No. 6272, an Ordinance Levying and establishing the rate of annual taxes for general municipal**

**purposes; debt levy for general obligation bond purposes; and, special business district purposes to be collected by the City of Clayton, Missouri, for the year. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.**

**The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.**

**Alderman Lichtenfeld introduced Bill No. 6272, an Ordinance Levying and establishing the rate of annual taxes for general municipal purposes; debt levy for general obligation bond purposes; and, special business district purposes to be collected by the City of Clayton, Missouri, for the year 2011 to be considered for the first time and read by title only. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.**

**City Attorney O'Keefe reads Bill No. 6272, an Ordinance Levying and establishing the rate of annual taxes for general municipal purposes; debt levy for general obligation bond purposes; and, special business district purposes to be collected by the City of Clayton, Missouri, for the year 2011 to be considered for the first time by title only.**

**The motion passed unanimously on a voice.**

**AN ORDINANCE TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF THE  
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2012 OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET  
(FIRST READING)**

**Alderman Lichtenfeld moved to open the public hearing with regard to Bill No. 6273, an ordinance adopting an annual budget for the Fiscal Year 2012 commencing on October 1, 2011 and appropriating funds pursuant thereto and request proof of publication. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.**

**The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.**

City Manager Owens gave a brief PowerPoint presentation to the Board. He reported that on July 8th, under separate cover, the Board of Aldermen received the City Manager's proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget. As part of the budget process, the Board is required to hold a public hearing to seek public input prior to formal adoption.

The Board extensively reviewed the proposed budget during a public meeting held on July 15, 2011 and August 8, 2011. Therefore, the attached ordinance approving the Fiscal Year 2012 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget is presented for your consideration after public comments are received. Staff believes that the proposed budget maintains the extraordinary level and proficiency of service that has been expected by our residents and traditionally provided by the City.

Recommendation is to hold a public hearing to receive citizens comments and then approve the ordinance for the first reading to consider adopting the Fiscal Year 2012 Operating and Capital Improvements Budget.

Mayor Goldstein commented that this was a terrific presentation and will be available on the City's website for the citizens to see an overview of the budget.

Mayor Goldstein acknowledged that they received input from the Clayton Professional Firefighter's Association and from the Clayton Chamber of Commerce regarding the budget.

Mayor Goldstein opened the floor for public comment. She reminded the audience that they have had many budget sessions and since there are no questions it isn't too surprising because they have worked hard to get to this place.

**Alderman Lichtenfeld moved to close the public hearing with regard to Bill No. 6273, an ordinance adopting an annual budget for the Fiscal Year 2012 commencing on October 1, 2011 and appropriating funds pursuant thereto. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.**

**The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.**

**Alderman Lichtenfeld introduced Bill No. 6273, an ordinance adopting an annual budget for the Fiscal Year 2012 commencing on October 1, 2011 and appropriating funds pursuant thereto to be considered for the first time and read by title only. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.**

**City Attorney O'Keefe reads Bill No. 6273, an ordinance adopting an annual budget for the Fiscal Year 2012 commencing on October 1, 2011 and appropriating funds pursuant thereto to be considered for the first time by title only.**

**The motion passed unanimously on a voice.**

Mayor Goldstein reminded the audience that tonight was the public hearing with public comment for first reading only and that the second reading is scheduled for the next Board of Aldermen meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING & RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A MUNICIPAL FACILITY - 10 SOUTH BRENTWOOD BOULEVARD**

Michael Pratt announced to the Board that the representative from the Lawrence Group was unable to attend and asked if they should postpone the agenda item.

City Manager Owens stated that they will be able to move forward without the representative.

**Alderman Lichtenfeld moved that the Board open the public hearing with regard to Resolution No. 11-29, a request for a Conditional Use Permit for 10 S. Brentwood and request proof of publication. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.**

**The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.**

City Manager Owens gave a brief outline of the recommendation from the Planning Commission and Architectural Review Board. He stated that the Sally Port on the building will be set to the side which would be the most appropriate location to give them the access that is needed and can still service the key element of the police station. They have looked at all of the different location elements without making major structural investments. It was a very favorable review by the Plan Commission on the way it was brought into the architectural to blend into the building.

City Manager Owens stated that Ameren does not think that the electrical transformer in its current location of the basement is the best solution. Ameren's current standards require that the transformers are located outside of the building for 24-hour access. He said that they have received feedback from the Plan Commission to go back to work with Ameren to find a better solution and Mike Pratt was able to work with the design team to do that locating it closer to the building.

City Manager Owens said that they were very excited to be awarded a grant of over \$600,000 by the State to fix solar arrays. They looked at various ways to install them and determined that they could elevate the solar arrays on a solar trellis or to ground mount them on the top floor of the deck. The alternative is to tilt the panels towards the sun or to mount them flat which will provide them with 15% less sun resulting in less efficiency. The grant requires that they generate a certain amount of kilowatts and we have to achieve that requirement in order to be reimbursed by the grant. He said because of the space need requirements of the police he does not require that they occupy the fourth, fifth, and sixth floors and parking would not be required. The decision was made to flush mount the solar arrays and save the money that the trellising might require which the engineers estimate at about \$600,000. Final recommendation is to have an elevated trellis with flat panels that looks much like a carport.

In response to Alderman Maddox-Dallas' question, City Manager Owens stated that they will allow in the bid process an option that if someone can give a price that is more inexpensive than what was suggested the City will be open to consider that as a bid alternative. The Plan Commission said that if staff really feels that it's infeasible to elevate the panels they would allow the proposal that was recommended which would be the flush mounted panels that would tilt towards the sun, but they would prefer the trellis. He added that they would not need the 49 spaces now, but if needed at a later date they could move from a tilt mount to a flat mount and reuse the same panels.

Mayor Goldstein commented that they did talk to the construction manager and the architect last week and verified that the bid documents will show the exact costs. She said that tonight they would be approving the conditional use permit that does not lock them into any particular mode of actions, but is glad to be brought up to date on the project. She added that she heard from an Architectural Review Board member who said that their primary issue was the design and architectural aspect whereas the Board has to weigh those aspects but also the budgetary implications.

Alderman Lichtenfeld agreed that it is a good checks and balances approach and that the Plan Commission/ARB looked at the design in context knowing that it would come before the Board for the budgetary end which will work well.

**Alderman Lichtenfeld moved that the Board close the public hearing with regard to Resolution No. 11-29, a request for a Conditional Use Permit for 10 S. Brentwood and request proof of publication. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.**

**The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.**

**Alderman Lichtenfeld moved to approve Resolution No. 11-29, and grant a Conditional Use Permit to the City of Clayton for 10 S. Brentwood. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.**

**The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.**

**AN ORDINANCE TO CONSIDER APPROVING THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AGREEMENT FOR THE WYDOWN BOULEVARD RESURFACING PROJECT**

City Manager Owens reported that In February 2011, the City of Clayton applied for a grant from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments to resurface Wydown Boulevard from Hanley Road to the eastern city limit. The project qualified for funding through the Surface Transportation Program. The City recently received notification that this project has been approved for funding by East-West Gateway. Eighty Percent (\$2,966,112.00) will be funded

through their Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), with twenty percent funded by the City (\$741,528.00).

The project will include not only the milling and replacement of 2" of asphalt, but replacement of damaged curb & gutter, improvement of curb ramps to ADA standards, and replacement of Brickprint crosswalks with interlocking paver crosswalks.

The Missouri Department of Transportation has provided this agreement, which the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission will not approve if modified in any way.

Recommendation is to approve the ordinance authorizing execution of an agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the funding of the Wydown Boulevard Resurfacing Project.

**Alderman Lichtenfeld introduced Bill No. 6274, an ordinance providing for the approval and execution of a STP-Urban Program Agreement between the City Of Clayton and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and actions related thereto to be considered for the first time and read by title only. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.**

In response to Alderman Maddox-Dallas' question, Mike Pratt provided a timeline of the project stating that the engineering would begin in 2012, in 2013 they would be doing the right-of-way acquisition, and in 2014 the actual construction will begin.

In response to Mayor Goldstein's question, Mike Pratt stated that the paver crosswalk will not be removed.

**City Attorney O'Keefe reads Bill No. 6274, an ordinance providing for the approval and execution of a STP-Urban Program Agreement between the City Of Clayton and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and actions related thereto for the first time by title only.**

**The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.**

**Alderman Lichtenfeld introduced Bill No. 6274, an ordinance providing for the approval and execution of a STP-Urban Program Agreement between the City Of Clayton and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and actions related thereto to be considered for the second time and read by title only. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.**

**City Attorney O'Keefe reads Bill No. 6274 for the second time; Alderman Lichtenfeld – Aye; Alderman Maddox-Dallas – Aye; Alderman Garnholz – Aye; Alderman Winings – Aye; and Mayor Goldstein – Aye. The Bill was adopted and became Ordinance No. 6155 of the City of Clayton.**

**AN ORDINANCE TO CONSIDER APPROVING THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AGREEMENT FOR THE BRENTWOOD/CARONDELET STREETSCAPE PROJECT**

City Manager Owens reported that in February 2011, the City of Clayton applied for a grant from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments for improvements to enhance the pedestrian environment and accessibility in the City of Clayton along Brentwood Boulevard and Carondelet Avenue. The project qualified for funding through the Surface Transportation Program. The City recently received notification that this project has been approved for funding by East-West Gateway. Eighty Percent (\$709,134.00) will be funded through their Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), with twenty percent funded by the City (\$177,284.00).

The project will expand the Downtown Clayton streetscape (sidewalks, streetlights, irrigation, tree grates, brick banding, etc.) along the east side of Brentwood Boulevard from Carondelet Avenue to Forsyth Boulevard and along the north side of Carondelet Avenue from Brentwood Boulevard to Meramec Avenue, completing the streetscape around the perimeter of this block.

The Missouri Department of Transportation has provided this agreement, which the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission will not approve if modified in any way.

Recommendation is to approve the ordinance authorizing execution of an agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the funding of the Brentwood/Carondelet Streetscape Project.

**Alderman Lichtenfeld introduced Bill No. 6275, an ordinance providing for the approval and execution of a STP-Urban Program Agreement between the City of Clayton and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the Brentwood/Carondelet Boulevard Streetscape Project and actions related thereto to be to be considered for the first time and read by title only. Alderman Maddox- Dallas seconded.**

In response to Mayor Goldstein's question, Mike Pratt explained that when they were doing 10 S. Brentwood part of that project will require redoing the streetscape along Brentwood and about half of the block on either side will be impacted by the construction. He said that they took the opportunity through another cycle to apply for the project and was successful in obtaining the funding.

In response to Alderman Lichtenfeld's question, Mike Pratt stated that currently there is no irrigation, but they have future plans for irrigation.

**City Attorney O'Keefe reads Bill No. 6275, an ordinance providing for the approval and execution of a STP-Urban Program Agreement between the City of Clayton and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the Brentwood/Carondelet Boulevard Streetscape Project and actions related thereto for the first time by title only.**

**The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.**

**Alderman Lichtenfeld introduced Bill No. 6275, an ordinance providing for the approval and execution of a STP-Urban Program Agreement between the City of Clayton and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the Brentwood/Carondelet Boulevard Streetscape Project and actions related thereto to be to be considered for the second time and read by title only. Alderman Maddox- Dallas seconded.**

**City Attorney O'Keefe reads Bill No. 6275 for the second time; Alderman Lichtenfeld – Aye; Alderman Maddox-Dallas – Aye; Alderman Garnholz – Aye; Alderman Winings – Aye; and Mayor Goldstein – Aye. The Bill was adopted and became Ordinance No. 6156 of the City of Clayton.**

**AN ORDINANCE TO CONSIDER APPROVING A MUNICIPAL HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2012-2014 WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY**

City Manager Owens reported that each year, the municipalities within St. Louis County are eligible for funds through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, which is administered by the St. Louis County Office of Community Development. In recent years, Clayton has received \$22,500 each year. Based upon the stipulations of the funding, projects typically consist of ADA upgrades. Recent projects have included bus stop improvements, relocation of streetlights out of the sidewalk, and installation of door openers on park restrooms. Within the next few months, about fifteen curb ramps on Wydown Boulevard will be brought up to ADA standards utilizing CDBG funds for 2010 and 2011.

In order to continue receiving these funds, HUD is requiring that the City sign the attached agreement (Exhibit A) with the St. Louis County Office of Community Development. This agreement was received by the City on August 10, 2011, and must be returned to the Office of Community Development by August 25, 2011.

Recommendation is to approve the ordinance authorizing the execution of the Municipal Housing and Community Development Cooperation Agreement for Fiscal Years 2012-2014.

**Alderman Lichtenfeld introduced Bill No. 6276, an ordinance approving a Municipal Housing and Community Development Cooperation Agreement for Fiscal years 2012-2014 with St. Louis County to be considered for the first time and read by title only. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.**

**City Attorney O'Keefe reads Bill No. 6276, an ordinance approving a Municipal Housing and Community Development Cooperation Agreement for Fiscal years 2012-2014 with St. Louis County for the first time by title only.**

**The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.**

**Alderman Lichtenfeld introduced Bill No. 6276, an ordinance approving a Municipal Housing and Community Development Cooperation Agreement for Fiscal years 2012-2014 with St. Louis County to be considered for the second time and read by title only. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.**

**City Attorney O'Keefe reads Bill No. 6276 for the second time; Alderman Lichtenfeld – Aye; Alderman Maddox-Dallas – Aye; Alderman Garnholz – Aye; Alderman Winings – Aye; and Mayor Goldstein – Aye. The Bill was adopted and became Ordinance No. 6157 of the City of Clayton.**

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE SALE OR DISPLAY OF MERCHANDISE ON HIGHWAY, STREET, ALLEY, OR SIDEWALK EXCEPT IN ASSOCIATION WITH CIVIC EVENTS SPONSORED OR AUTHORIZED BY THE CITY**

City Manager Owens reported that the sale or display of merchandise on highways, streets, alleys and sidewalks has generally been prohibited in the City of Clayton. Exceptions have been made during special events allowing such vendors as artists during the St. Louis Art Fair in Clayton to display and sell art during the fair when the area is closed to vehicles and appropriate safety measures are in place.

Staff recently recognized that there is an odd distinction in the wording of two city code provisions relating to such use of sidewalks versus the language used with respect to a parallel regulation addressing use of streets. In order to reconcile this distinction, promote public safety and make it clear that private vendors cannot make use of either streets or sidewalks for display or sale of merchandise except during city events, staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the following amendments to Sections 505.100 and 505.110:

**Section 505.100: Sale Or Display Of Merchandise -- On Highway, Street Or Alley:** Except in association with civic events sponsored or authorized by the city, it shall be unlawful for any person to place for display and sale or to sell on any public highway, street or alley in the City any groceries, provisions, magazines, newspapers, commodities, vegetables, fruit, produce, goods, wares or merchandise.

**Section 505.110: Sale Or Display Of Merchandise -- On Sidewalk:** Except w,ain association with civic events sponsored or authorized by the city, it shall be unlawful to place for display and sale



or to sell upon any public sidewalk in the City any groceries, provisions, magazines, commodities, vegetables, fruit, produce, goods, wares or merchandise, except that it shall be lawful to sell newspapers upon any public sidewalk within the City and to place for display and storage such newspapers only in boxes as provided in Section 505.140 except further, that it shall be lawful to provide food service or customer seating areas pursuant to an outdoor dining permit.

Recommendation is to approve the ordinance.

**Alderman Lichtenfeld introduced Bill No. 6277, an ordinance to amend sections 505.100 and 505.110 of the Clayton Municipal Code regulating the sale or display of merchandise on highways, streets, alleys, and sidewalks to be considered for the first time and read by title only. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.**

In response to Alderman Garnholz's question, City Attorney O'Keefe explained that Section 505.100 prohibited sale or display of merchandise on sidewalks and Section 505.110 concerns the use of streets but there was a wording distinction between the two which might lead one to surmise that streets could never under any circumstances harbor the sale of merchandise. He said that it was best to conform the two sections so that streets and sidewalks are treated alike.

In response to Alderman Lichtenfeld's question, City Manager Owens stated that food vendors will be allowed during special events.

**City Attorney O'Keefe reads Bill No. 6277, an ordinance to amend sections 505.100 and 505.110 of the Clayton Municipal Code regulating the sale or display of merchandise on highways, streets, alleys, and sidewalks for the first time by title only.**

**The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.**

**Alderman Lichtenfeld introduced Bill No. 6277, an ordinance to amend sections 505.100 and 505.110 of the Clayton Municipal Code regulating the sale or display of merchandise on highways, streets, alleys, and sidewalks to be considered for the second time and read by title only. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.**

**City Attorney O'Keefe reads Bill No. 6277 for the second time; Alderman Lichtenfeld – Aye; Alderman Maddox-Dallas – Aye; Alderman Garnholz – Aye; Alderman Winings – Aye; and Mayor Goldstein – Aye. The Bill was adopted and became Ordinance No. 6158 of the City of Clayton.**

**A RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER APPROVING A RECOMMENDATION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CITYARCHRIVER 2015 PROJECT AND SUBMISSION OF THE RESOLUTION TO THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FOR THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF THE JEFFERSON NATIONAL MEMORIAL EXPANSION**

City Manager Owens reported that an international design competition was conducted in 2010 to revitalize the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial by improving connections to downtown St. Louis and expanding programming, facilities and partnerships, while enhancing the visitor experience. The competition winner, Michael Van Valkenburg Associates (MVVA) of New York, was selected by a jury from a field of five finalists in September 2010. MVVA presented updated information about the winning design to the public in January 2011 and has been refining their concept design through a series of discussions with the National Park Service.

This project is part of a broader initiative known as *CityArchRiver 2015*, and is a unique opportunity to integrate the Gateway Arch and the park surrounding it into downtown St. Louis.

Construction is targeted to be complete by October 28, 2015 – the 50th anniversary of the construction of the Gateway Arch.

As part of this effort, the NPS is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for an evaluation of alternatives to revitalize the park. The proposed action involves physical changes to the park and facilities as a method for improving visitor access and experience, while better integrating the park into downtown St. Louis.

Three years ago, the St. Louis County Municipal League (the League) membership adopted a resolution encouraging major changes to the Arch area, such as better connections to downtown, adding a world class museum of some sort, perhaps by expanding the underground museum, adding more activities at the north and south end of the grounds, and adding some dining venues. The League noted that attendance had fallen and that there is little to attract visitors other than the Arch itself.

Recommendation is to approve the resolution and forward a copy of the resolution to the National Park Service.

**Alderman Lichtenfeld moved to approve Resolution No. 11-30, and support the development of the St. Louis City Riverfront. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.**

**The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.**

#### A RESOLUTION NOMINATING CULTURAL FESTIVALS FOR THE 2012 STATE OF THE ARTS AWARD FROM THE MISSOURI ARTS COUNCIL

City Manager Owens reported that since 1983, the Missouri Arts Council has annually recognized individuals, organizations and communities that have made profound and lasting contributions to the cultural and artistic climate of the state.

Staff has prepared a nomination application recognizing Cultural Festivals, the producers of the Saint Louis Art Fair in Clayton, for the 2012 State of the Arts Award (the Arts Organization category) from the Missouri Arts Council.

As one of the premier art fairs in the nation for the last 18 years, the Saint Louis Art Fair in Clayton has increased the cultural and artistic climate in the state of Missouri.

Staff has worked with one of the original founders, Dr. Susan Uchitelle, to prepare the application. All applications must be submitted by September 2, 2011. The winners for each category will be selected by the Missouri Arts Council board in late October.

Recommendation is to approve the resolution and forward the application to the Missouri Arts Council.

**Alderman Lichtenfeld moved to approve Resolution No. 11-31, in support of nominating Cultural Festivals for recognition by the Missouri Arts Council. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.**

**The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.**

#### APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

City Manager Owens reported that the following individuals have expressed interest in being appointed to or, as the case may be, continuing to serve as a member of the following Boards or

Commissions of the City. Mayor Goldstein has reviewed and agrees with the recommendations for appointment or reappointment to the respective Board or Commission and, therefore, submits the following nominations for the Board's consideration.

Board of Appeals - Ward 3 - Bob McCoolle - (Appointment for a five year term through June 30, 2016)

Uniformed Employees Retirement Fund - Ward 3 – Rick Beard - (Appointment for a two year term through June 30, 2013)

Recommendation is to consider the appointments.

Mayor Goldstein explained that the Board is currently reviewing the Boards and Commissions appointment process. The City Clerk will provide a spreadsheet to the Board with recommendations to be discussed at the next Board meeting and then discussed in depth at the next Strategic Discussion Session; with final approvals at the September 27 Board meeting.

**With recommendation from City Attorney O'Keefe to include the names of the appointees, Alderman Lichtenfeld moved to appoint Bob McCoolle to the Board of Appeals and Rick Beard to the Uniformed Employees Retirement Fund. Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded.**

**The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.**

#### Other

Mayor Goldstein shared with the Board an initiative through St. Louis County, the Smoking Cessation and Prevention Programs, Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) Leadership Team. She attended their meeting recently and they have partnerships with the major sports teams, Blues, Cardinals, and the Rams, to spread the word about smoking cessation and prevention. It is geared to the schools (grade schools, high schools and colleges) and they are providing scratch cards during the professional sports games promoting the importance of not smoking. She said that are on Facebook with over 1000 fans, the web site is [www.letsfaceitstl.org](http://www.letsfaceitstl.org).

Mayor Goldstein also brought to the Board's attention a letter from St. Joseph's Church inviting the elected officials and the community to participate in a special mass on Friday, September 9, 2011 in remembrance and prayer of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tragedy of September 11, 2001.

Alderman Lichtenfeld announced that although National Night Out had been postponed to October due to the heat, many of the neighborhoods have been holding programmed activities that coordinated with the opening of the schools. He said that Ward 1 had a pretty fantastic celebration that he enjoyed very much.

Alderman Maddox-Dallas encouraged the Board to look into updating the anti-discrimination ordinance as previously suggested by Alderman Garnholz.

City Manager Owens commended Betty Luebke, Acting Finance Director, on doing a good job in working on the budget.

**There being no further regular business, Alderman Winings moved that the Board adjourn to a closed meeting, with a closed vote and record, as authorized by Section 610.021(1), (2) and (3) Revised Statutes of Missouri, relating to legal issues, real estate and/or personnel, and to discuss matters related to negotiation of a contract pursuant to**

**Section 610.021(12), RSMo. and/or proprietary information pursuant to Sec. 610.021(15). Alderman Maddox-Dallas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote cast as follows: Alderman Lichtenfeld – Aye; Alderman Maddox-Dallas – Aye; Alderman Garnholz – Aye; Alderman Winings – Aye; and Mayor Goldstein – Aye.**

**The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk